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## IMF aide attacks U.S. move to block PLO observer status

BEIRUT, Dec. 1 (R) — A senior Saudi Arabian official Monday criticized the United States for blocking Arab moves to grant the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) observer status at the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Mahsoum Jalal, Saudi Arabia's executive director at the IMF, accused the U.S. government of politicizing the question of whether the PLO's financial arm, the Palestine National Fund, should sit as an observer at the IMF.

In an interview with the Beirut English-language newsletter *An-Nahar Arab Report and Memo*, Jalal said: "The real issue here is not the status of the PLO but the ability of the U.S. to challenge legal procedure and make policies out of it."

The U.S. and its allies blocked Arab moves to grant the PLO observer status in a vote by the IMF's 140 member-countries last September. The U.S. controls nearly 20 percent of the voting power of the fund.

Jalal was quoted as saying that during a meeting of the IMF "an under-secretary at

the U.S. treasury came up to us and said: 'if you want Mr. Carter re-elected as president, you must not insist on having the PLO attend.'"

He added: "Well, he was not re-elected but the U.S. has managed to politicize an issue that should not have been politicized." The PLO has had observer status at the United Nations since 1974.

Also New Zealand premier said the future of the World Bank and IMF is linked to the issues surrounding the Palestine Liberation Organization's (PLO) attempts to obtain observer status with them.

Robert Muldoon, currently in Manila, is the chairman of eight-country committee examining legal aspects of the decision to exclude the PLO from the IMF's annual meeting last month.

The committee, comprised of members from Belgium, France, Indonesia, Nigeria, West Germany, Sweden, Yugoslavia, and Pakistan, will also consider ways of resolving different interpretations of the bye-laws governing observer status.

But the New Zealand leader told reporters the issues involved were much broader and affected the future of the two organizations.

The fact that the executive directors of both bodies had a weighted majority in favor of the world's wealthy nations meant that they could effectively rule out the PLO, he said.

Muldoon said a question fundamental to both organizations is whether the balance of power would be altered. On the one side was the United States, the biggest contributor to the two organizations, with a new administration which was "coming into this thing cold." On the other was "the importance to the fund and the bank of having the Arab world as major contributors."

It was very important that both sides accepted that the fund and bank were being administered in an even-handed way, Muldoon said. "We're not talking about whether the PLO gets observer status," he said. "We're talking about a series of questions on what has happened, and looking into the future, how the by-laws can be amended."

But he acknowledged that "clearly any amendments made to the by-laws will directly affect the issue of whether the PLO is admitted."

Muldoon said it was unlikely that the committee would finish its work during its two day conference. He said he had arranged a second meeting in New Zealand at the end of January, when the committee is supposed to prepare a report.

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To aid Afghan refugees

# Red Crescent opens Islamabad office

By a staff writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 1 — The Saudi Arabian Red Crescent has opened an office here and a branch in Peshawar (Pakistan) near the Afghan border to organize aid for Afghan refugees, victims of Soviet occupation.

The assistance will include medicine, food, tents and clothes to ease pressure on the Pakistani government, which is bearing the brunt of the consequences of the Afghan war.

The office has been provided with doctors and medical units and plans are being studied for a women's section to be opened soon under the leadership of the wife of the Saudi Arabian ambassador here, Sheikh Samir Al

Shihabi. A delegation from the Red Crescent visited Pakistan recently and held talks with the authorities.

The Saudi Arabian and Pakistani Red Crescent societies have appealed to Islamic and other humanitarian associations to extend as much assistance as possible to help the Afghan refugees in their plight. Pakistani government sources estimate the number of refugees to be about one million.

This is not the first time that Saudi Arabian organizations have pledged or offered aid to the refugees. Public donations earlier this year amounted to SR81 million. The funds were paid to the General Secretary of the Organization of Islamic Conference, Habib

Chartti, to pass on to the refugees through the Pakistani government. The collection drive was launched on recommendation of a special meeting of the conference of Islamic foreign ministers held in Islamabad in February.

The board of donations for Afghan fighters, which was set up by order of the King under Riyadh Governor Prince Salman said the donations indicated a faith and love for Jihad, or holy struggle by the people of the Kingdom. Donations to the fighters are considered part of jihad, to help Muslim brothers forced out of their homes and country by foreign invaders.

A fatwa (religious ruling) by Sheikh Abdul Aziz ibn Baz, president of the board of religi-

ous guidance, followed the King's appeal. The ruling permitted the payment of zakat (charity), the two and a half per cent alms tax on every Muslim's wealth, to Afghan fighters and victims.

The fatwa also cleared the way for payment of zakat before its due time, the holy month of fasting, Ramadan. Ibn Baz said zakat could be paid to Muslim freedom fighters who are struggling to defend the faith and dignity of their country against Soviet efforts to wipe out Islam from Afghanistan. He said the Afghan Muslims are part of the Muslim nation and are in need of help in their struggle to preserve their faith in the face of Soviet aggression.

## Gulf economic integration successful, official says

DOHA, Dec. 1 — The Saudi Arabian Minister of Industry and Electricity, Dr. Ghazi Al-Gosaibi, said the economic integration plan of the Gulf states was going satisfactorily and the economic policy of the governments of the region aimed at diversifying their sources of income and lessening dependence on oil.

In an interview with the *Industrial Cooperatives* magazine published here, Dr. Al-Gosaibi said protectionism should include productive industries only and not weak ones. He called for greater efforts to boost integration and coordination: infrastructure and services should be linked as well as exporting industries, and investors from other states in the region should be treated as favorably as local investors themselves.

Dr. Al-Gosaibi said it was quite possible to ensure a steady growth by scientific planning and the development of trained Arab manpower, to regulate the industrial and agricultural sectors and build joint Arab industries. He said Saudi Arabia was playing a fundamental role in developing industrial cooperation among the Gulf states.

Dr. Al-Gosaibi, an advocate of inter-Gulf economic cooperation since he became minister in 1975 had signed an agreement with Kuwait and Bahrain to form a petrochemicals company for methanol and ammonia production.

The company, which will have a capital of SR630 million, aims to produce 1,000 tons a day of methanol and 1,000 tons of ammonia by 1983. He said Saudi Arabia had dropped



plans for an aluminum smelter in Jubail because of planned aluminum smelter expansion in Bahrain and Dubai. He called the agreement with Bahrain and Kuwait "a turning point in the history of economic integration in the Gulf."

The Gulf states he added had "moved up from dreams to realities." The fact that the three countries were sharing in the creation of that project indicated a certain intellectual maturity and a conviction that "we should not be wasting our resources in duplication, when together we can set up successful industries capable of competing with others."

Al-Gosaibi's statement reflected the Kingdom's paid progress in bringing to fruition agreements made by the Gulf states planning ministers at a conference in Doha, Qatar ear-

lier in the year. The conference ended with a resolution to streamline joint marketing of several industries exports, establish central manpower training facilities and develop increased production of mineral, cement and petrochemicals. At a Riyadh conference, ministers from seven Gulf states said planning for peninsula development was only a transition period on the way to eventual economic unity.

Saudi Arabia and Kuwait created a joint commission in 1978 to promote industrial integration between the two countries. One of the commission's long range goals is the elimination of costly competition and duplication between them. It was capitalized at \$600 million to pursue the implementation of 12 joint venture projects.

### To ensure ready supply

## Organization plans grain reserves project

RIYADH, Dec. 1 (SPA) — The General Organization of Grain Silos and Flour Mills is working to build a strategic reserve to ensure a ready supply of the best quality and at the cheapest, subsidized prices for several months.

The organization's director, Dr. Muhammad Al-Shunawi, said grain silos were under construction in Riyadh, Dammam, Jeddah, Qasim, and Khamis Mushait and that others

were planned for various areas. The Qasim and Khamis Mushait projects would also help develop the country's agriculture by providing stable markets in which farmers could dispose of their grain at subsidized prices. Shunawi said the organization bought its produce at several times the price of imported wheat to encourage them to plan this grain. At the same time, this transaction raised the farmers' living standard while making them

less and less dependent on imported wheat.

In its October-November issue, the American *Business Worldwide* magazine paid tribute to the Kingdom's stunning success in the field of grain silos and flour mills. The magazine admired the quick shift from rudimentary and manual systems to modern industrial methods. It said that in less than a decade, Saudi Arabia had laid the cornerstone of agro-based industries.

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AVIATION PACT: Sheikh Nasser Assaf (right), president of civil aviation, and Mohammad Ali (left), Bangladeshi aviation and tourism and aviation ministry under-secretary, signed an air transport agreement under which both countries will run weekly flights beginning April 1981.

### Services reviewed

## Social insurance board meets

RIYADH, Dec. 1 (SPA) — Labor and Social Affairs Minister Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Anqari chaired Monday a meeting of the General Social Insurance Organization's board here.

Muhammad Al-Faez, governor of the Social Insurance Organization, said that the members discussed steps undertaken in the implementation of the social insurance policy during the past eight years since the introduction of the system. The meeting also covered the services of the social insurance organization to workers and employers, and methods of developing the services.

The board also considered the opening of new offices to provide services to workers and employers across the Kingdom. Expansion of the organization's services also was discussed to serve additional categories of workers and provide them with the benefits of the social insurance system.

The board discussed improving the national hospital by introducing new equipment. The additional installations will ensure the increasing of the hospital's capacity and help improve its services to cover more patients. It was decided that a supplementary hospital be constructed to house the hospital's employees.

Among the board's decisions was the approval to increase funeral expenses paid to the families of workers from SR500 to SR1,000.

In the field of investment, Faez said, the board reiterated its support to the projects of the third development plan that the social insurance hold an equity in the shares of some of the newly-founded national firms. Among the projects is a "poultry farm" in Qasim in which the social insurance ventured jointly with the Retirement Pension Department and the Arabian Animal Resources Company.

The board also reviewed a report about increasing the social insurance organization's share in the equity of the Saudi Porcelain Company in the light of the achievements of the company. The organization also will participate in the capital of the new cement com-

### BRIEFS

#### Compensation distributed

KHOBAR, Dec. 1 (SPA) — The municipality here has started paying compensation to owners of properties taken by the authorities for expansion programs. The Director, Abdul Rahman Saleh Al Rajeh, said the compensation amounted to SR103 million.

#### Familiarization course scheduled

RIYADH, Dec. 1 (SPA) — The College of Pharmacology of Riyadh University will hold a course of familiarization with new methods of professional practices in Riyadh. A number of specialists from the King Faisal Hospital and the Military Hospital here will take part.

Harakan visits print shop  
MECCA, Dec. 1 (SPA) — The Secretary General of the World Muslim League Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al Harakan visited the new printshop where copies of the holy Koran will be printed in several languages together with meanings and interpretation. The government has pledged SR100 million for the project.

#### Italian ambassador received

JEDDAH, Dec. 1 (SPA) — The Deputy Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Thunayan, received at his office the Italian Ambassador Alberto Solera for talks of mutual interest.

#### Al-Gosaibi takes donations

RIYADH, Dec. 1 (SPA) — Dr. Ghazi Al-Gosaibi, the minister of industry and electricity has received a sum of nearly SR560,000 in donations for the projected center for handicapped children, which he sponsors.

#### Gulf children depart

DAHHRAN, Dec. 1 (SPA) — The Gulf children's group left here Sunday after taking part in the Gulf children's festival, which was held in the country. During their visit they had the honor of meeting King Khaled.

panies with the aim of supporting the urban development across the Kingdom, Faez said.

Few months earlier, the social insurance organization has increased the pensions and assistance paid by the company every year. There were about 1,400,000 subscribers eligible for pensions when they complete their services, officials said.

Al Faez, also said that the organization's budget amounts to more than SR100 million and that the national hospital that it operates will have an additional 22 beds to bring the total to 85 with improved medical facilities.

### Local graduates noted

By a staff writer  
JEDDAH, Dec. 1 — The University of Northern Colorado has announced the awarding of undergraduate and graduate degrees to several Saudi Arabian students.

The 1980 graduates included Rashed Al-Alouda and Nawal H. Yaseen, who earned Bachelor of Arts degrees. In Jeddah, Tala Bannan received a Master of Arts degree and in Riyadh, Abdullah A. Al-Mesned and Ahmed Jarallah received Master of Arts degrees, according to Carol Bond, university spokesperson.

### COMMENT

By Abdullah Omar Khayat  
Al Jazirah

The Jeddah-Medina highway is one of the most important in the country for many reasons. Foreign vehicles entering the Kingdom must drive on it on their way to Jeddah, the main port and commercial city of the Western Region. It is also the road that connects this region with the Central Region where Riyadh, the capital, lies.

In addition, it is used by those wishing to visit the holy mosque of the Prophet Muhammad in Medina, the second holiest place in the world of Islam after Mecca. Pilgrims coming here to perform the duty every year use the road to take them to Jeddah and from there on to Mecca and the holy sites.

Finally, it is the only road to Yanbu, the huge industrial site that is being built at present and the terminal of the petroleum pipeline, which will carry crude oil from the Gulf side of the Kingdom to the Red Sea coast.

I was pleased therefore when I read the royal order asking for the construction of an express way between Jeddah and Medina and the road that links the two important cities. I thought the project would take several years to build since it involves 400 kilometers of road on a dual carriage foundation. But I was pleasantly surprised when I heard from Dr. Nasser Al Salloum, deputy minister of communications, that King Khaled had ordered that the time of execution should be reduced to one year and no more.

Dr. Salloum said that the ministry would put out for tender the project and stipulate that it should be completed within one year and according to the high standard of specifications set for it.

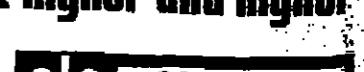
I am sure many more people were pleased with the news because they appreciate the importance of this project and the road that links the two main cities. Our pleasure was even more enhanced because the authorities concerned were aware of the many benefits of the scheme. Thank God for those responsible for this act of goodness.

### Prayer Times

Tuesday	Mecca	Medina	Makkah
Fajr	5.18	5.24	4.56
Ishraq	6.43	6.49	5.62
Dhuhr	12.10	12.15	11.47
Asr	3.16	3.13	2.44
Maghrib	5.39	5.34	4.60
Isha	7.09	7.04	6.35

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Reacting to U.S. buildup in Indian Ocean

## Soviets said seeking wider access to military facilities in Ethiopia

ADDIS ABABA, Dec. 1 (WP) — The Soviet Union, acting in mirror fashion to the United States in Somalia, is reported here to be seeking wider access to Ethiopian military facilities, particularly for its navy. Besides its chief superpower rival, Moscow is having difficulty in getting all it wants from its ally here in the Horn of Africa.

Despite its increasingly close ties with the Eastern Bloc, Ethiopia has heretofore been reluctant to allow a high Soviet military profile to develop on its soil. Ethiopia is linked to Moscow by a 20-year treaty of friendship and cooperation and is probably its most important ally on this continent by virtue of its strategic location on the Red Sea. The Soviets have provided this country with around \$1.5 billion in military assistance in the last three years, the largest such commitment they have ever made to a black African state.

In return, the Ethiopians have allowed Moscow to establish a relatively obscure anchorage for its Indian Ocean-bound warships in the barren Dahlak Islands off the northern Ethiopian port of Massawa, according to Western intelligence sources. But the Soviets are said to be pressing the Ethiopians now for better onshore facilities as well as the construction of airfields for use by its and Ethiopia's air forces.

In so doing, Moscow is seen here as reacting partly to the American military buildup in the Indian Ocean and Gulf region and partly in accordance with the superpower assumption that bases or facilities are the *quid pro quo* for arms in this strategic region of the world.

Ethiopia's military leader, Lt. Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam, returned from a two-week stay in the Soviet Union last month during which he discussed with Kremlin leaders ways of "deepening and expanding" their relations in all fields, according to the joint communique issued at the end of his state visit.

During his sojourn there, Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev hailed the "new dimensions" he said were being added to every article of the Soviet-Ethiopian friendship treaty and said relations between the two countries were taking on "an international character," a possible reference to Ethiopian cooperation in the military field.

### Unless 'revival plan' is adopted

## Israeli cabinet won't aid El Al

TEL AVIV, Dec. 1 (AP) — Israel's government has announced it will not "pour capital" into the ailing El Al Airline until the national carrier implements a revival scheme that calls for trimming nearly 10 per cent of its unionized staff.

El Al lost \$98.6 million in the fiscal year that ended last March 31. While forecasting losses of \$40 million to \$60 million in the current fiscal year, company officials say the financial picture could be brighter in 1983 if the government furnishes at least \$85 million working capital and guarantees a loan of \$50 million to modernize the fleet.

The catch is that El Al management and the Histadrut, Israel's big national labor federation, signed a two-year union contract last May, and the Histadrut balks at agreeing to

## Lebanese, Israeli liaison officers meet

NAHARIYA, Northern Israel, Dec. 1 (AP) — Lebanon and Israeli liaison officers met for 30 minutes here Monday in the first meeting under the auspices of United Nations forces since the 1967 Mideast war, a UN spokesman said. The meeting was at Qura, three kilometers from the Israeli-Lebanese border, under the chairmanship of Gen. Eriki Kairi, deputy commander of the United Nations Interim Forces in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

The two sides reviewed the current situation.

## Habre hits OAU peace bid in Chad

PARIS, Dec. 1 (R) — Chad's Defense Minister Hissene Habre, who leads one of the sides in the country's civil war, has strongly condemned an attempt by the Organization of African Unity (OAU) to end the conflict, according to an interview published Monday. "I would never have thought Africans could sink so low," Habre told the French daily *Le Quotidien de Paris*.

President Goukouni Oueddei of Chad, against whom Habre is fighting, and four other African leaders met in Togo last week expecting Habre to go there and sign a ceasefire. But Habre said he would not do so until Goukouni renounced military aid from Libya.

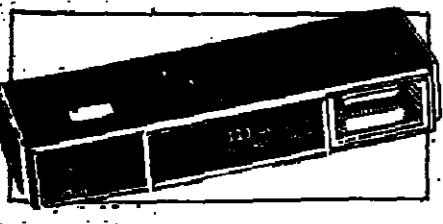
### BRIEFS

(HARTOUM, (AP) — President Jaafar Numeiri leaves for the United States Wednesday for what the Sudanese news agency said a "routine medical checkup." The two sides reviewed the current situation.

EL AVIV, (AP) — Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir was recalled Monday from Israel to take part in a key parliamentary session to renew the narrow power base Prime Minister Menahem Begin's coalition.

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Included in the 70-member delegation Mengistu took with him were high-ranking military officers led by the Defense Minister, Brig. Gen. Tesfaye Gebre-Kidan, who was reported in the press here to have held separate talks with Soviet military leaders. There was no indication, however, what they discussed or whether any agreement was reached on further Soviet arms deliveries to Ethiopia or increased access for the Soviets to Ethiopian military facilities.

In October, Ethiopian Foreign Minister Feleke Gelde Gjorgi vehemently denied in an interview that there was any military "base" for the Soviet Union or any other country in Ethiopia at that time and said all foreign bases in Africa should be closed down.

While Feleke may have been obfuscating the issue by making a U.S.-government

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style distinction between a base and a facility, his remarks nonetheless reflect what is believed by Western observers here to be a considerable Ethiopian reluctance to become more deeply involved in the Soviet-American military competition for a foothold in the strategic Horn of Africa.

Furthermore, the Ethiopians have launched a major diplomatic campaign to dissuade the United States from going ahead with its plan to provide arms to Somalia in return for access to Somalian ports and airfields, convinced the American commitment will embolden the Somalis in their struggle to annex the Ogaden. Thus, the Ethiopian government would seem to have little interest in provoking Washington at this stage by giving in to Soviet pressure for a larger military presence.

Western diplomatic sources here and in Washington say the Ethiopians have turned down several Soviet-proposed military construction projects on the ground that they could not afford the cost. But the American plan to turn Somalia into a springboard for its Rapid Deployment Force has increased the Soviet interest in obtaining wider access to Ethiopia as a counterpoint.

In early July, Sergei Gorshkov, Soviet defense minister and admiral of the fleet, paid a six-day "working visit" to

Ethiopia. The local press said he visited civilian and military establishments in the Red Sea province of Eritrea, including the main port of Massawa, and discussed "bilateral cooperation" with Ethiopian authorities. There was no indication whether he also visited the Dahlak Islands, an archipelago of mostly tiny islets devoid of any buildings except the remains of some Italian World War II fortifications and inhabited by only a few hundred people.

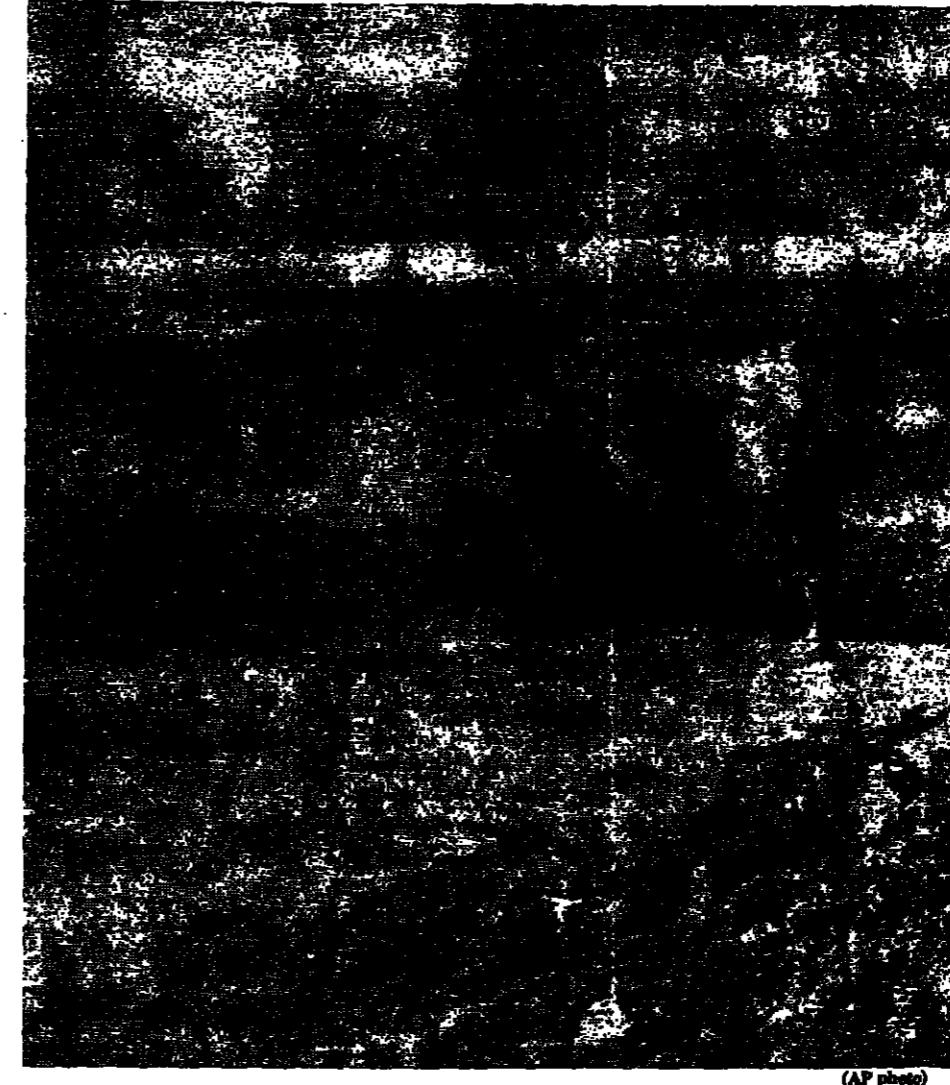
While one high-ranking Ethiopian official has said there is no new construction on the islands, some diplomatic sources here say the Soviets are using them as an open-air depot and have towed the floating dock that once serviced their ships at Berbera, Somalia, to the Dahlaks.

The Ethiopian government has not commented on a *New York Times* report that the Soviet Navy has stepped up the use of the Dahlak Island since the onset of the Iranian-Iraqi war, anchoring half its Indian Ocean fleet there in mid-October.

The Ethiopians are in a difficult position to reject Soviet entreaties for the expanded use of their facilities, since they are totally dependent on Soviet arms and feel a large debt of gratitude for the crucial assistance Moscow gave to them in 1977 when the country was seriously threatened with disintegration because of the separatist wars in the Ogaden and northern Eritrea and mounting internal opposition.

Moscow extended a \$2 billion line of credit to the Ethiopians for the purchase of arms and rushed a massive amount of war material to this country in an airlift that impressed Western military analysts as well as the Mengistu government. Furthermore, as a nation formally committed to becoming a Socialist and Communist state, Ethiopia views the Soviet Union as a natural ally and shares its views on most foreign issues. In addition, it feels surrounded by U.S.-backed enemies, some of which, such as Egypt, has been providing arms to Somalia for the Ogaden war.

So long as the struggle over the Ogaden and the Eritrea continues, Ethiopia is certain to remain highly dependent on the Soviets and thus vulnerable to their requests for wider access to ports and airfields.



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CANNON ACTION: This picture from the official Iranian news agency was received in London recently and carried the caption: "Cannon action in Khuzestan against Iraqi invaders."

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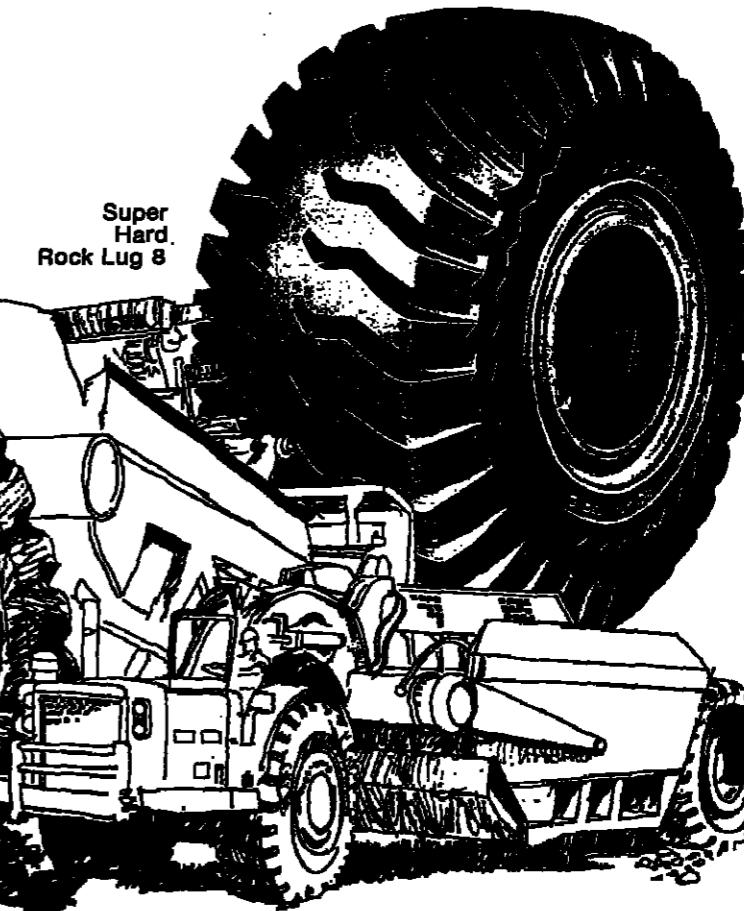
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## Short-handed Milwaukee still nips Celtics

NEW YORK, Dec. 1 (AP) — Boston coach Bill Fitch can cope with his team losing to Milwaukee. After all, the Bucks are one of the strongest teams in the National Basketball Association and lead the Central Division with a 20-6 record.

But losing to the Bucks Sunday night, when they were without three of their regulars... Well that was too much for Fitch to handle.

"I can't say anything nice about my basketball team," Fitch said after his Celtics dropped a 107-105 decision to the Bucks even though Milwaukee stars Marques John-

son, Bob Lanier and Brian Winters missed the game because of injuries.

"They only had eight guys, but they went out there and did the job," Fitch said of the Bucks. "They did what I like to see. They played together better than they might have if they had everyone."

Sidney Moncrief filled in at Winters' guard spot and scored 23 points. Pat Cummings started for Johnson at forward and scored 10 and defensive standout Harvey Catchings opened at center in place of Lanier. Junior Bridgeman, playing his usual sixth-man role, led Milwaukee with 25 points.

In other NBA games, the Phoenix Suns edged the Houston Rockets 117-114, the Chicago Bulls beat the Los Angeles Lakers 112-108, the Seattle SuperSonics topped the New Jersey Nets 113-89 and the San Diego Clippers defeated the Golden State Warriors 120-100.

Rookie guard Kyle Macy came off the bench and scored 14 points in an eight-minute stretch of the second half as Phoenix built a 99-90 lead with 7:12 left and then held off the Rockets. (See accompanying story.)

Walter Davis scored 25 points and Macy had an NBA-high 21 as Phoenix raised its

record to 22-4, best in the Western Conference.

Center Artis Gilmore scored 15 of his 21 points in the second half and grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds to lead Chicago to only its fourth road victory in 12 outings. The Bulls took command with a 39-point third quarter for a 90-83 lead and pulled away.

Seattle recovered from a 15-point second period to outscore New Jersey 65-39 in the second half and halt their three-game losing streak. John Johnson and Vinnie Johnson led the Sonics with 20 points apiece.

New Jersey, which dropped the opener of a five-game road trip, has lost five of its last six starts.

## Mayer first in Milan tennis

MILAN, Italy, Dec. 1 (AP) — American Gene Mayer played consistent tennis to defeat countryman Vitas Gerulaitis 6-4, 6-2 in the final of the Brooklyn Masters indoor tournament at Milan's Sports Palace.

Mayer, 24, the only player unbeaten in the four-day, eight-player competition, took 58 minutes to overcome Gerulaitis and pocket a first prize of \$50,000.

The U.S. ace, who climbed an impressive number of places in world ratings in two years, said he was confident to improve.

"I hope to be within the top three year," Mayer said after victory.

Gerulaitis, who won a \$30,000 bonus, looked tired and seldom displayed fast

attacks. Mayer and Gerulaitis were off with two breaks each in the first four games, to a 2-2 tie.

Mayer, often surprising Gerulaitis with drop shots, made a decisive break in the ninth game to win the set 6-4 in 37 minutes. A disheartened, slow Gerulaitis made four double faults in the opening game of the second set and gradually gave up.

Mayer quickly climbed to 4-1 and then served to a 6-2 triumph.

Mayer routed countrymen Eliot Teltscher, Harold Solomon and John McEnroe to reach the finals. Gerulaitis lost to Jimmy Connors in the opening match Thursday. He then downed Italy's Adriano Panatta and France's Yannick Noah.

## Comeback emerges as Suns' trademark

PHOENIX, Ariz. Dec. 1 (AP) — Comebacks are beginning to become almost cliché for the Phoenix Suns lately in the National Basketball Association.

Sunday night, the Suns obliterated a seven-point Houston Rocket lead early in the fourth period and went on to chalk up a 117-114 victory.

The win was Pacific Division-leading Phoenix fifth straight — raising its record to 22-4. It also kept intact a 12-game winning streak at home this season and 21-game unbeaten skein at the Arizona Veterans Memorial Coliseum over a two-year stretch.

"We're not trying to have comebacks by design, naturally," said Suns' coach John MacLeod. "But the fact that we keep doing it is a positive sign. We have guys at the end of the game who want to shoot the ball. They're experienced players who have been in pressure situations before and know how to react."

Ironically, the two who were most instrumental in saving Phoenix from defeat were

rookie guard Kyle Macy and second-year backcourt man Johnny High.

Macy came off the bench to score 14 points in an eight-minute stretch of the third and fourth periods, while High came up with a series of key steals and clutch passes during the same span.

"Kyle played some of his best basketball of the season," MacLeod said. "High? He just keeps doing a solid job defensively. Add in (reserve center Rich) Kelley and his (16) points and you know what their play meant to us."

Rockets' coach Del Harris didn't disagree.

"Macy and High hurt us," he said. "The strength of their team is in coaching and depth. That's what beat us. But there's nothing for us to go home and practice on. We still played well enough to win it."

Paced by center Moses Malone, who led all scorers in the game with 30 points and 11 rebounds, Houston was ahead 36-29 at the end of the first period and 63-57 at halftime.

The Rockets were up 86-79 with 2:03

remaining in the third period only to see Phoenix reel off 22 of the next 26 points and grab a 99-90 lead with 7:12 left in the final period.

Mixed in was an offensive foul called on rocket guard Calvin Murphy that turned into a costly technical — one of two whistled against Houston on the night.

"The referees were just wonderful...just beautiful," Harris said sarcastically. "That call on Murphy was as big a killer to us as anything."

Still, Houston battled back to trail by one — 105-104 — at the three minute mark of the fourth period. But Suns' guard Dennis Johnson sank two free throws and center Alvan Adams added two more in the final 11 seconds to seal the decision.

Guard Walt Davis led Phoenix offensively with 25 points while Macy added a career-high 21 points. Rocket forward Robert Reid had 22 points.

With the loss, Houston's record fell to 11-13 in the Midwest Division.

## Eddie stops Koopmans, eyes Matthew

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 1 (AFP) — Eddie Mustapha Muhammad paved the way for a light-heavyweight title showdown with fellow American Matthew Saad Muhammad when he stopped the Dutch challenger for his World Boxing Association (WBA) title, Rudy Koopmans, after three rounds here Saturday night.

Referee Larry Rozadilla halted the fight at the end of the third round when he examined a nasty cut over the European champion's eye. The Dutch fighter's challenge failed to materialize as he concentrated on keeping clear of hard-hitting Muhammad's counters.

The 28-year-old Muhammad, formerly Eddie Gregory, had predicted an early knock-out, but he must have been surprised how easy his victory came. Apart from a brief attack by the 29-year-old Dutchman in the second round, it was all Muhammad.

A right cross stunned Koopmans halfway through the third and soon became evident that the challenger was badly cut.

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LIGHTS OUT: Matthew Saad Muhammad, left, knocks out Louis Pergaud of West Germany with a left hook in the fifth round of their bout last spring.

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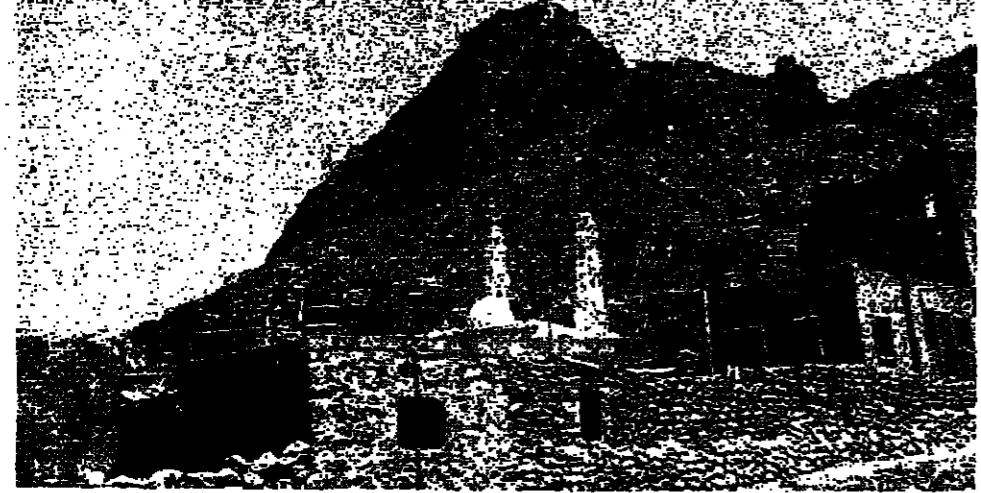


## Yemen rulers prize mountain stronghold

By Rosalind Wade

**TAIZ** — For the past two years I have been hunting through guide-books and library shelves for a definitive historical account of Taiz, with no luck at all. The only definite facts that appear repeatedly are: it is North Yemen's second city; it lies at the foot of Jebel Sabir, it was the capital of the Beni Rasul between the 13th and 15th centuries; Imam Ahmed chose it as his capital after his

reigns of the Fatimid backed Ali al-Sulayhi (1031-1067), his son Mukarram (1067-1084) and Mukarram's wife, Sayyida bint Ahmed (the famous Queen Arwa; 1084-1137), when it is frequently referred to as a fortress stronghold and was obviously of great strategic value of the Beni Sulayhi. Janad was still the administrative center. Their stronghold was built on the rocky promontory known as al-Qahirah — an outcrop of Jebel Sabir — which dominates the



CITADEL: the al-Qahirah dominates the town.

father's assassination outside Sana'a in 1948; and that a lot of qat is grown on Jebel Sabir and the women sell it in the souq.

This is hardly sufficient information for anyone remotely interested in their surroundings, so the only solution is to piece together a brief history from the diverse sources, buried in seemingly obscure journals which are only housed in specialised libraries.

Taiz lies in the southern part of present day North Yemen and geographically looks to the two main ports of south-western Arabia, Aden and Mocha. Until the 19th century Aden frequently came under the control of whoever ruled Taiz. Taiz did not exist as a major city until the late 12th century. From the advent of Islam in Yemen the southern region was ruled and administered from Janad, which lies immediately southeast of Taiz Airport. The Mosque's tall minaret can be seen from the main Sana'a-Taiz road. Janad was founded in the lifetime of the Prophet Muhammed by his disciple Mu'ad ibn Jabal. For many centuries it was a major pilgrimage center too.

There is little mention of Taiz until the

reigns of the Fatimid backed Ali al-Sulayhi (1031-1067), his son Mukarram (1067-1084) and Mukarram's wife, Sayyida bint Ahmed (the famous Queen Arwa; 1084-1137), when it is frequently referred to as a fortress stronghold and was obviously of great strategic value of the Beni Sulayhi. Janad was still the administrative center. Their stronghold was built on the rocky promontory known as al-Qahirah — an outcrop of Jebel Sabir — which dominates the

area became more chaotic and the Beni Rasul pursued a warlike policy of devastation — in 1162/3 Janad was razed to the ground and much of the south was pillaged. This evident chaos called for a strong ruler and opened Yemen's doors to an invasion.

The Islamic world was in similar chaos. Fatimid Egypt and eventually fallen to the orthodox Sunni Muslims in 1171 under the leadership of Salih ad-Din bin Ayub (Saladin — the infamous Kurd who is always portrayed as a wicked enemy of the noble Franks in western history books, and who was in fact more humane than those barbarous Franks). Egypt nominally came under the Abbasid state once more and the Caliph's name was used in the Friday prayers.

It is thought that Saladin, unsure of his position, wanted to carve out an Empire for himself and was immediately attracted by the chaos in Yemen. The Yemeni poet al-Umarra is said to have composed his long odes of praise about Yemen to encourage Saladin. His 'cause beli' was that the Mahdist regime had ceased to mention the Caliph in the Friday prayers. In 1173 Saladin sent his brother Turanshah, who took Yemen in the name of the Abbasid caliphate and that of the Beni Ayub. Three generations of Ayyubid princes held Yemen between 1173-1229.

According to Ibn Khaldun it was Turanshah who founded Taiz — initially he chose Zebid for his capital, but conceiving an unfavourable opinion of its salubrity, he made a journey to the mountains, accompanied by his physicians, for the purpose of selecting a spot with a healthy atmosphere and wholesome water, in which to establish his place of residence. Their choice fell upon the site of Taiz, where Turanshah founded the city, which became the seat of government to himself, to his descendants, and to their freedmen, the Beni Rasul... (translation H.C. Kay in *Yemen: Its Early Medieval History*, London, 1892).

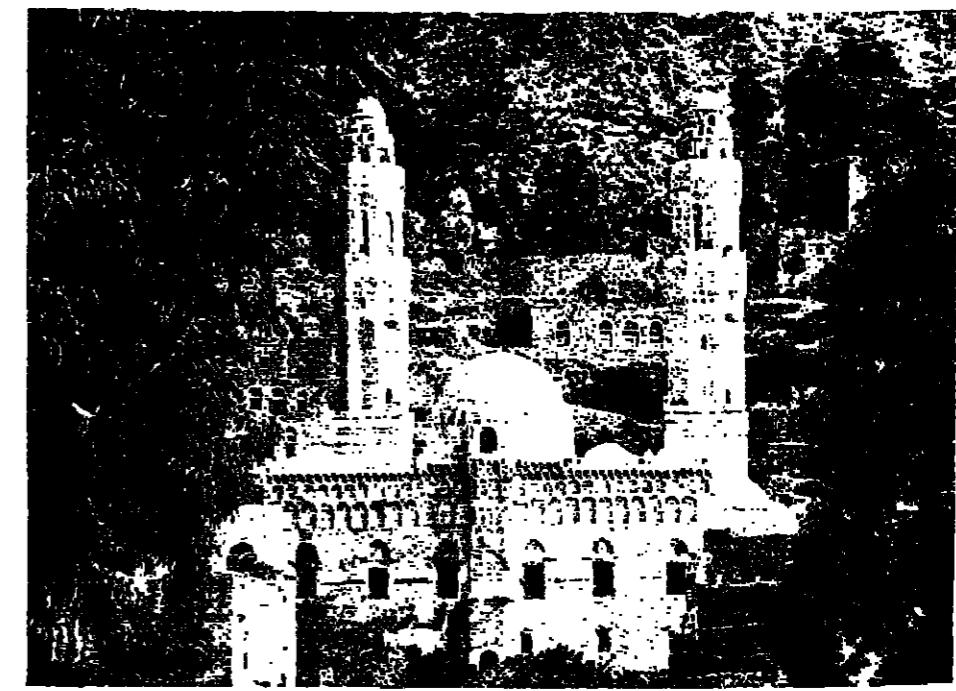
Turanshah did not like Yemen and soon returned to Egypt leaving the country under the control of his Mameluke administrators. Their aim was to take over as much agricultural land as possible and exact the maximum revenue from taxes. Owing to the severity of the Ayyubid administration, Saladin felt it necessary to send his brother Tughtakin in 1183 to pacify the outraged Yemenis. At this time Tughtakin saw to the rebuilding of the Janad Mosque (it was much restored in 1193-4 and little of its original structure and decoration remains).

The Ayyubids employed many foreign administrators throughout their domains and amongst them were five members of the Beni Rasul family. Their origins are obscure, but their official historian Khasraji gives them a long genealogy which shows them to have come from Qahtan, the father of the southern tribes of Arabia, i.e. they were *bona fide* Yemenis. They were probably Turkoman. Their name al-Rasul (the messenger) derives from the founder of the dynasty, Muhammad, who was ascribe and trusted messenger in the Abbasid court in Baghdad.

Muhammed's grandson, Nur al-Din, became the steward of Saladin's grandson, Masud Yusuf. When Masud was despatched by his father to take over Yemen in 1215, after a little family trouble there, Nur al-Din went with him. In 1229 Masud was summoned to become governor of Syria and left Nur al-Din temporarily in charge of Yemen. Masud died en route, in Mecca. The Ayyubids were now too weak to maintain their hold on Yemen and no one was sent to replace Masud. In 1235 the Caliph Mustansir sent Nur al-Din an official diploma from the Abbasid court charging him as independent ruler of Yemen. He entitled himself al-Melek al-Mansur. The Rasulid state continued to flourish until the last Sultan, al-Afdal Mohammad, who died in 1442. They controlled most of the southern corner of the peninsula, including Aden, the Hadramawt and the Thamud and had nominal control of the central highlands as far north as Sana'a.

The two hundred years of Rasulid rule were a time of activity in building, education and the arts. This was the chief period of Taiz's expansion, but only four Rasulid monuments remain there today. Presumably the palaces and other religious buildings fell into disuse and were demolished in the course of time. The Turks, in the 16th century, are known to have restored many of the buildings, but by the time Carter Niebuhr and his colleagues visited Taiz in 1762-3 he observed that it was in a sad state of decay.

However, much of what he described is familiar to us today. He comments that the town was walled and pierced by two gates at the northeast and northwest corners, the Bab al-Mussa and Bab al-Kabir respectively. Both these gates remain. Little of the massive wall survives, but it is evident on the south side, linking al-Qahirah to the city. Niebuhr observes that it was faced in burnt and filled with mudbrick. This is still true, bar some repairs with stone facing in parts; in other



MOSQUE: built in the fourteenth century

areas only the mudbrick remains. The walls are extremely thick, between 3 and 10 metres, with circular bastions placed at intervals.

When Hugh Scott (a member of the British Museum team who studied the flora of Yemen in 1937-8) visited Taiz the city seemed to be little changed over the two centuries that had elapsed. Indeed from all accounts Taiz remained unchanged until the revolution in 1962. Imam Ahmed built himself a palace and military complex to the east of the city walls and a summer palace at Salah, a little higher up the mountainside, to the east. Both palaces can be visited today and the one in the town houses a museum with a somewhat eclectic collection of Imam Ahmed's effects. This was a propaganda museum set up by the Egyptians in 1964. The exhibits are gradually being sorted out. The translations on some of the original notices display a delightfully archaic use of the English language and predate the building by a century.

After the fall of the Beni Rasul, Taiz became more of an administrative center, as it is today. We hear about it chiefly because it was the screening point for most Europeans who wanted to gain permission to visit Sana'a. Most foreign accounts complain of the wicked governors who would not let them move out of the town and forbade any scientific research. One cannot help but admire the cunning of these wretched governors, who were probably furious at having to

receive these unwelcome guests and responsibilities and extremely nervous about their new-fangled instruments. If anything untoward had happened, like as not they would have lost their positions, if not their heads. At times the governors were relatives of the Imam, and this usually led to more chaos and open rebellion.

In 1837, for example during the reign of the young Imam Ali Mansur, his uncle Kasim, who was at variance with him, sold Taiz to Ibrahim Pasha. At this time much of the Thamud had been taken by the Egyptians, and Ibrahim Pasha was in Mocha (this is the son of Muhammad Ali, the wellknown Albanian pirate from European history books, who succeeded in taking Egypt from the Ottoman Turks and acknowledged only tenuous links with Constantinople). In fact the merchants of Mocha had had to pay for Taiz, through taxes exacted from them. In 1840 Ibrahim Pasha withdrew and Taiz eventually returned to the Imamate, after a battle between his forces and a religious fanatic called Fukay Said who had declared himself to have a divine mission to purify the faith of Mohamed, to abolish taxation throughout Yemen and to drive to infidel from Aden. Naturally the latter two points gained him considerable support. He also promised them invulnerability to sword and gunshot wounds. Fukay Said had taken Taiz after the Egyptian withdrawal and was set to advance further north.

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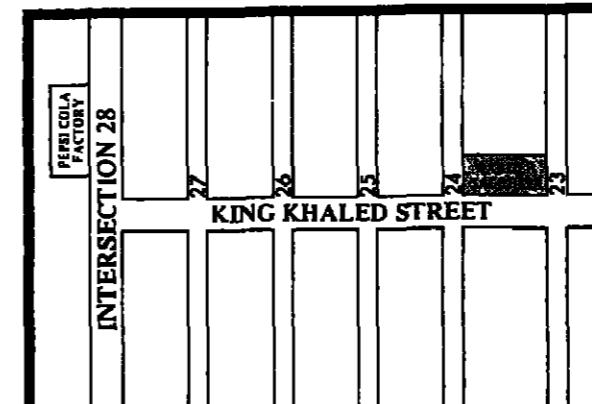
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## 21 states not buying oil from spot market

NEW YORK, Dec. 1 (R) — Non-Communist oil-importing nations have drawn on stockpiled oil to avoid buying oil from the spot market to offset supplies lost through the Iran-Iraq fighting. *Petroleum Intelligence Weekly* reported Sunday. The 21 members of the International Energy Agency (IEA) have been drawing on stocks at a rate of 2.5 million Barrels Per Day (BPD) of which 900,000 BPD is seasonal, the newsletter said.

Although prices on the spot market have risen as high as \$ 43 for a 42-gallon barrel, buying has been minimal — about 73 million barrels, the newsletter quoted IEA officials as saying. The newsletter said that IEA nations Oct. 1 had 3.36 billion barrels of oil stored on land and a further 230 million to 290 million barrels at sea. The member states are expected to draw on about 160 million barrels of the land-based supplies and some 73 million barrels from sea-borne stocks during the fourth quarter, it added.

By April, stocks will total about 2.88 billion to 2.92 billion barrels, the newsletter estimated.

Energy ministers of IEA states must deal at their meeting in Paris next week with the problem of supply imbalances among nations and oil companies, some of which have been hit harder than others by the disruption of oil exports from Iran and Iraq, the newsletter said.

If the imbalances are not smoothed out, IEA officials fear a rush to the spot market, it said. Soaring prices on the spot market in the

past have led to price increases on long-term contract oil supplied by members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

The IEA meeting must also consider what action could be taken if world crude supplies did not return to normal by the second quarter of 1981. One option being considered was to create a flexible oil-sharing system, while another was to set realistic oil import limits for member nations next year, it reported.

OPEC had asked six days ago that the Dec. 15 conference of the Organization of Pet-

roleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) be delayed if the war between Iraq and Iran, both OPEC members, continued. The war is now in its 10th week and has been intensifying with air and naval attacks by both sides.

Since Oteiba's call, both Iraq and Iran have said they would go to Bali. Indonesia and Venezuela have opposed any postponement of the conference which will discuss oil prices.

No OPEC country has publicly supported the idea of delaying the Bali conference. Saudi Arabia, the biggest oil producer, has withheld any comment. But Oteiba said in his latest statement that he would approach other OPEC states to convince them of the value of delaying the conference.

"To protect OPEC unity we must be certain of the success of any conference before it is convened, so we want this (Bali) conference delayed," Oteiba said. Oteiba's earlier statement had led oil analysts to believe that the conference's postponement might result in a free-for-all increases in oil prices, although some OPEC countries have said an official price increase is justified.

In his statement Saturday night Oteiba made no mention of his earlier proposal for continuing the freeze on oil prices agreed to in September.

OPEC groups Algeria, Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria and the United Arab Emirates. Egypt was suspended last year for signing a peace treaty with Israel.

## OAPEC to set up company for petroleum projects

KUWAIT, Dec. 1 (R) — Arab oil ministers who are due to meet in Kuwait Dec. 8 will decide on the details of setting up an Arab Engineering Company specializing in petroleum projects, an Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) spokesman said late Saturday. But oil industry sources said the meeting would be most closely watched for any informal discussion by the nine ministers of the impact on world oil markets on the loss of crude from warring Iran and Iraq.

The OAPEC spokesman said the agenda for the meeting also included discussions on an OAPEC project to set up a drydock in Algeria. OAPEC owns a drydock in Bahrain. The engineering company has already been approved in principle. The meeting will be

the first by oil ministers since the Gulf war broke out Sept. 22. It precedes by only a few days meeting of the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) for controversial price setting talks.

OAPEC's constitution bars decisions on oil prices or production, but the ministers are certain to consider their position ahead of the OPEC meeting 15 in Bali, Indonesia.

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## BRIEFS

BONN, (AFP) — The merger was announced here of Messerschmitt-Bölkow-Blohm (MBB) and Vereinigte Flugtechnische Werke (VFW). The two aircraft builders are expected to sign the initial documents in 10 days' time. This tie-up has been encouraged by the federal government, and negotiations have lasted two years. The combined turnover is estimated at \$ 2,200 million per annum.

LONDON, (AFP) — Wages in British industry are the lowest in the industrialized world, a survey by American Citibank showed here. Figures showed that the hourly wage was almost exactly half that in the United States. The report was made public by two labor party parliamentarians. Other countries with higher pay in industry include Japan, Denmark, Italy and France as well as Canada, Switzerland, Sweden the Netherlands and West Germany.

MOSCOW, (AFP) — The Communist party newspaper *Pravda* Sunday urged its readers to economize on food products and above all to avoid using them as insecticides.

*Pravda* said that "certain publications" recommend various preparations involving sugar, honey, meat, eggs and other foods for attracting ants and other insects that can then be destroyed. According to the newspaper, the amount of such ingredients required for such preparations represented a considerable drain on the nation's stock of food. "It is time to halt such advice, which results in the loss of tons of food products," *Pravda* said. The newspaper recommended that Soviet citizens use chemical insecticides.

MEXICO CITY, (R) — Mexico exported an average of 564,100 Barrels of oil Per Day to the United States during the first nine

months of this year, an official trade report said Saturday. The figure represented 70.3 per cent of Mexico's crude exports during the period.

LONDON, (AFP) — Some 55 per cent of British firms expect to trim their staff, and the other 45 per cent expect to carry the same workforce but will not take on new staff, the latest quarterly survey by the *Financial Times* showed Sunday. Some 70 per cent of companies probed say they are pessimistic about future prospects. Three-quarters welcome the recent cut in interest rates but say the strength of pound is hampering exports while aiding imports. Many company managers in the building sector report that the Gulf war is hitting orders from abroad.

PEKING, (AFP) — A French exhibition opened in Shanghai Sunday covering instrumentation for industry, science and telecommunication. Some 40,000 Chinese specialists are expected to visit the 10-day event. The organizers said much of the equipment was likely to be sold "off the stands."

## Malaysian economy hurt little by recession -- Chase

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec. 1 — The Malaysian economy has been little touched by the worldwide recession, Chase says in its bi-weekly report *International Finance*.

Real GDP growth this year is projected at 8 per cent, roughly the same as in 1979. Although the consumer price inflation rate will climb from last year's 3.6 per cent, the rate should not exceed 7 per cent — 8 per cent.

On the external front, the current-account balance is expected to show a small surplus after posting a surplus of almost \$ 1.4 billion last year. Export volume is off slightly in rubber and tin, but palm oil exports have risen sharply.

Oil production will be down to an average

of about 250,000 barrels per day this year, versus 283,000 bpd in 1979, as government policy is aimed at restraining output to extend reserves. Nonetheless, net oil export earnings will be up as a result of higher prices. The export outlook for the next few years is highly encouraging.

The natural gas project at Bintulu will begin shipping LNG in 1983, with full-scale production of 6 million tons annually expected by 1986. The plantation sector is likely to continue to thrive, and Malaysia will remain the world's leading exporter of natural rubber, palm oil, and tin and become an important exporter of coconut products and cocoa, according to the report.

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*Seoul sources pessimistic***Decision on Kim due this week**

TOKYO, Dec. 1 (AP) — The South Korean supreme court is expected to uphold the death sentence on opposition leader Kim Dae Jung in a judgment anticipated this week, diplomatic sources indicated Monday.

If the court confirms the appeal court decision to uphold the sentence, Kim, 56, sentenced on sedition charges, could be hanged soon after, unless President Chun Doo Hwan pardons him. Clemency is considered unlikely here. During the trial the South Korean press described Kim, who narrowly failed to be elected president in 1971, as the greatest enemy of the nation. Under such circumstances a pardon would be difficult to justify, sources commented.

The affair has embittered relations between Japan and South Korea. After he lost the presidential race to Park Chung Hee, Kim Dae Jung lived in exile in Japan. But in 1973 he was abducted back to Seoul. Despite pledges from Seoul that Kim would not be

tried for his activities in Japan, bad feeling between the two nations continues.

Japanese labor unions have planned a series of strikes during the next five days to protest at the appeal court decision and to force Tokyo to put more pressure on Seoul.

But while the Japanese press has covered the affair extensively, no reports of the worldwide protest at Kim's death sentence on

Sept. 17 have been reported in the South Korean press. Instead the papers have complained of what they call Japanese pressure in a purely South Korean affair.

Japanese Premier Zenko Suzuki has told Seoul that the execution of Kim would have important repercussions in Japan, particularly in the parliament and among opposition parties.

**S.Korea moderates confer on party**

SEOUL, Dec. 1 (AP) — Forty-eight moderates, led by former opposition lawmakers, held a meeting Monday to form a new conservative opposition party in South Korea. A spokesman said that the promoters planned to hold a convention in early January to inaugurate the new party, called the Democratic Korea Party.

They pledged in a declaration that the new party will pursue a free democracy in which

national security is ensured, but in which, at the same time, free criticism is not curtailed and civil rights are not dominated by government power.

Former New Democratic Party lawmaker Yoo Chi-Song, 56, was elected chairman of the promoters committee. The former party supreme council member is slated to head the new party.

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STRANDED: Cars and trucks abandoned by their drivers sit stranded on a road north of Amarillo, Texas, after a late-autumn snowfall. Weather officials said nearly four inches of snow covered the city.

**NATO spending roughly on target**

BRUSSELS, Dec. 1 (LAT) — After much agonizing and diplomatic arm-twisting, it now appears that the North Atlantic Treaty Organization will be broadly "on target" for an overall 3 per cent increase in defense spending in the coming year.

But not all countries will meet the target. Moreover, all the military evidence at NATO Headquarters here points to the fact that a 3 per cent increase is not enough to keep pace with the upgrading of arms and equipment in the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact nations — let alone close that gap.

Accordingly, NATO governments in Europe are forced for an early confrontation with the incoming Reagan administration over defense spending. The United States already is committed to an increase in excess of 5 per cent next year, and that could go even higher once President-elect Ronald Reagan

takes office.

Pressure on the Europeans from the Carter administration to meet the 3 per cent target has been persistent in the last several months. So have intramural pressures within the alliance — Norway against Denmark, for example and even Britain against West Germany.

The climax will come to the week of Dec. 8 at a full-dress ministerial meeting here of both defense and foreign ministers at which the defense goals and planning for 1981 will be formally approved. But every European government faces problems of unemployment, recession, falling growth rates, huge oil import bills and declining exports along with severe budget restraints aimed at combating inflation. Officials say that U.S. pressure for additional defense spending are not going to be well-received by NATO governments.

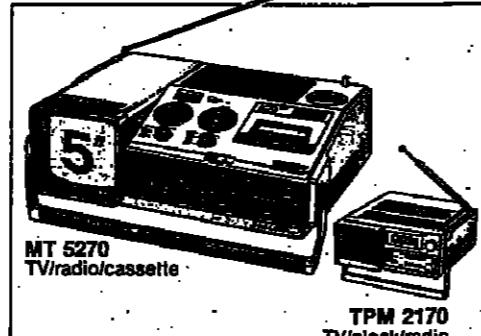
**Uruguayans vote 'no'**

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Dec. 1 (R) — Uruguayan voters have rejected the right-wing government's proposed constitution that would have given the military a permanent role in the running of the country. According to official results from Sunday's plebiscite and with more than 90 per cent of the ballots counted, 51 per cent of voters opposed the draft constitution.

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GUEST: Uri Temirkanov, principal guest conductor of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, directs a rehearsal at Festival Hall, London. Temirkanov, a Russian, is conductor of the Kirov Opera and Ballet Company.

**International team****Poll-watchers crowd Uganda**

KAMPALA, Dec. 1 (AFP) — No elections in an independent state have involved as many other countries as those due in Uganda on Dec. 10. They will be the first elections in the east African nation since independence 18 years ago.

A 37-member British Commonwealth observer team, drawn from Australia, Barbados, Botswana, Britain, Canada, Cyprus, Ghana, India and Sierra Leone, is already in the country to observe "fair play."

The United States government has made available giant C141 air force transport plane to fly ballot boxes from London to Uganda starting Nov. 30. A second aircraft was chartered Saturday by the British government to air-freight ballot boxes and other materials for the long-awaited elections, now just 9 days away.

The presidential candidates are former President Milton Obote for the Uganda Peoples Congress, Paul Semogerere for the Democratic Party, Yoweri Museveni for the Uganda Patriotic Movement, and Mayanja Nkangi for the Conservative Party.

Britain pledged to speed up delivery of 20 Land Rover vehicles, originally destined for the Ugandan police force, to help transport the observers to all parts of the country during the elections.

The European Economic Community, which usually restricts its activities in Africa to development aid, has also agreed to loan the Commonwealth observers 17 Land Rovers.

"This is the same thing like we read about Zimbabwe earlier this year," said one president of the Ugandan capital. But unlike the case of Zimbabwe, the Commonwealth office

will have no executive or supervisory role in the elections.

Their mission is solely to observe the polling and to report to the Commonwealth secretariat and governments upon whether the elections have been "free and fair in the context of Ugandan law."

The observer group is already occupying the whole of the Speke Hotel in the center of Kampala.

More staff from the Commonwealth secretariat in London are expected to arrive early this week, bringing the number of Commonwealth officials in Uganda for the elections to 60.

The observers have already started examining such issues as the reporting of the campaigns of the four country's political parties in Uganda's state-owned media, and freedom of movement, expression and assembly.

But even at this late stage, no-one seems to have any idea of which might emerge as the winner. There are no opinion polls to use as guidelines, no recent polling patterns, and almost two whole generations have never been to the polls before. The last elections were held in 1962 a few months before independence. Scarcely anyone under the age of 39 has ever voted.

Moreover all four parties — the Democratic Party, the Uganda Peoples Congress, the Uganda Patriotic Front and the conservative Party — are making the same promises to the electorate. They are all promising to put more consumer goods in the shops, bring down prices, end the country's corruption, widespread violence and insecurity, and reconstruct the economy.

**India leader admits police blinded 31**

NEW DELHI, Dec. 1 (R) — Police in the northern Indian state of Bihar blinded 31 suspected criminals, Chief Minister Jagannath Mishra said Sunday. Mishra told reporters in Patna, capital of Bihar, that 15 policemen had been suspended and charged with "negligence."

This was the first official admission of the allegations widely reported in the press and scheduled to be debated in parliament Monday. Press reports said policemen pierced the eyes of the alleged criminals with bicycle spokes and poured acid into them to ensure total blindness.

The chief minister denied a report by the United News of India (UNI) news agency that 87 prisoners had been blinded in jail in Bhagalpur.

Mishra said only 31 had been blinded outside jail during the past year. Of these, 21 were now in prison, and the others were freed on bail.

Supreme court lawyer Mrs. Kapila Hingorani said on of her clients had filed an affidavit in court saying at least 50 alleged criminals had been blinded in a police attempt to stamp out crime. Mishra said suspended officials had been ordered to leave Bhagalpur and an inquiry had begun.

Home Minister Zail Singh, who is expected to give the official account in parliament, Saturday asked Mishra to punish the policemen for committing what he called a "brutal and inhuman act."

The case first came to public notice after prison authorities asked the government for extra jail warders to care for the blinded prisoners. The *Indian Express* and *Sunday magazine* published interviews with the victims and photographs which led the opposition last Friday to demand a debate in parliament.

**Official backs Rajiv**

NEW DELHI, Dec. 1 (AFP) — The campaign to induct Rajiv Gandhi, the eldest son of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, into politics has been reactivated here, according to recent reports.

Mrs. Gandhi, currently making public appearances in the central Indian state of Uttar Pradesh, was advised by state Chief Minister V.P. Singh Sunday to allow her son to run in Amethi constituency for a seat in the lower house of parliament. The Amethi seat fell vacant after the death of Mrs. Gandhi's younger son, Sanjay Gandhi, in a stunt plane crash here on June 23.

Press Trust of India news agency quoted Mrs. Gandhi as saying that she would convey the advice to Rajiv, 37, who works as an airline pilot.

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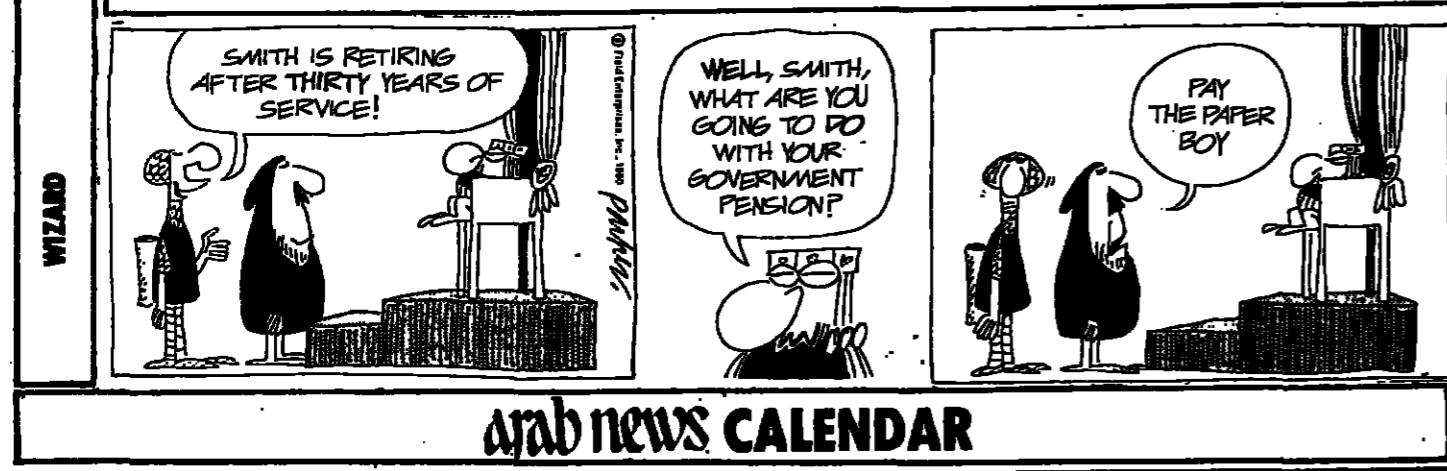
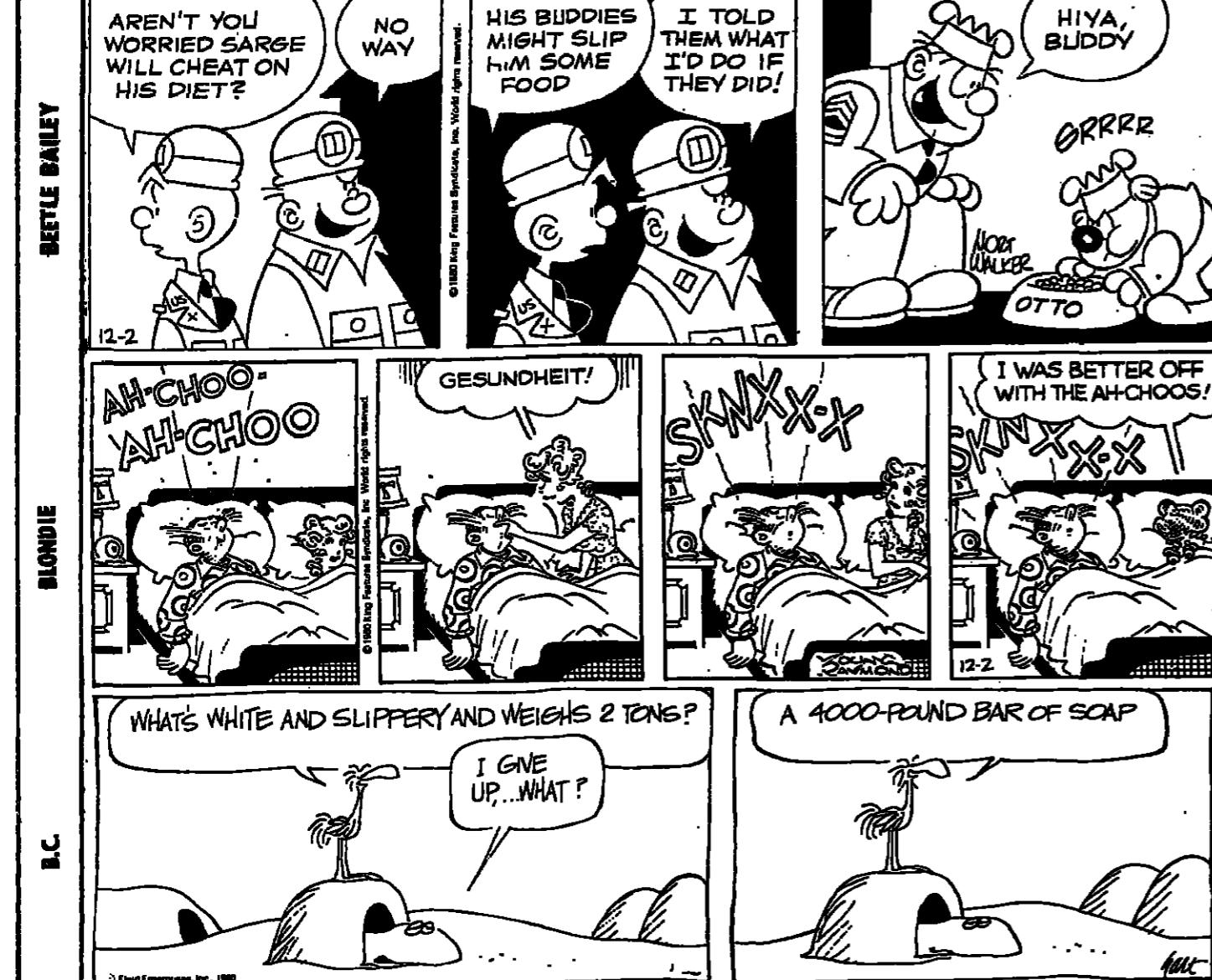
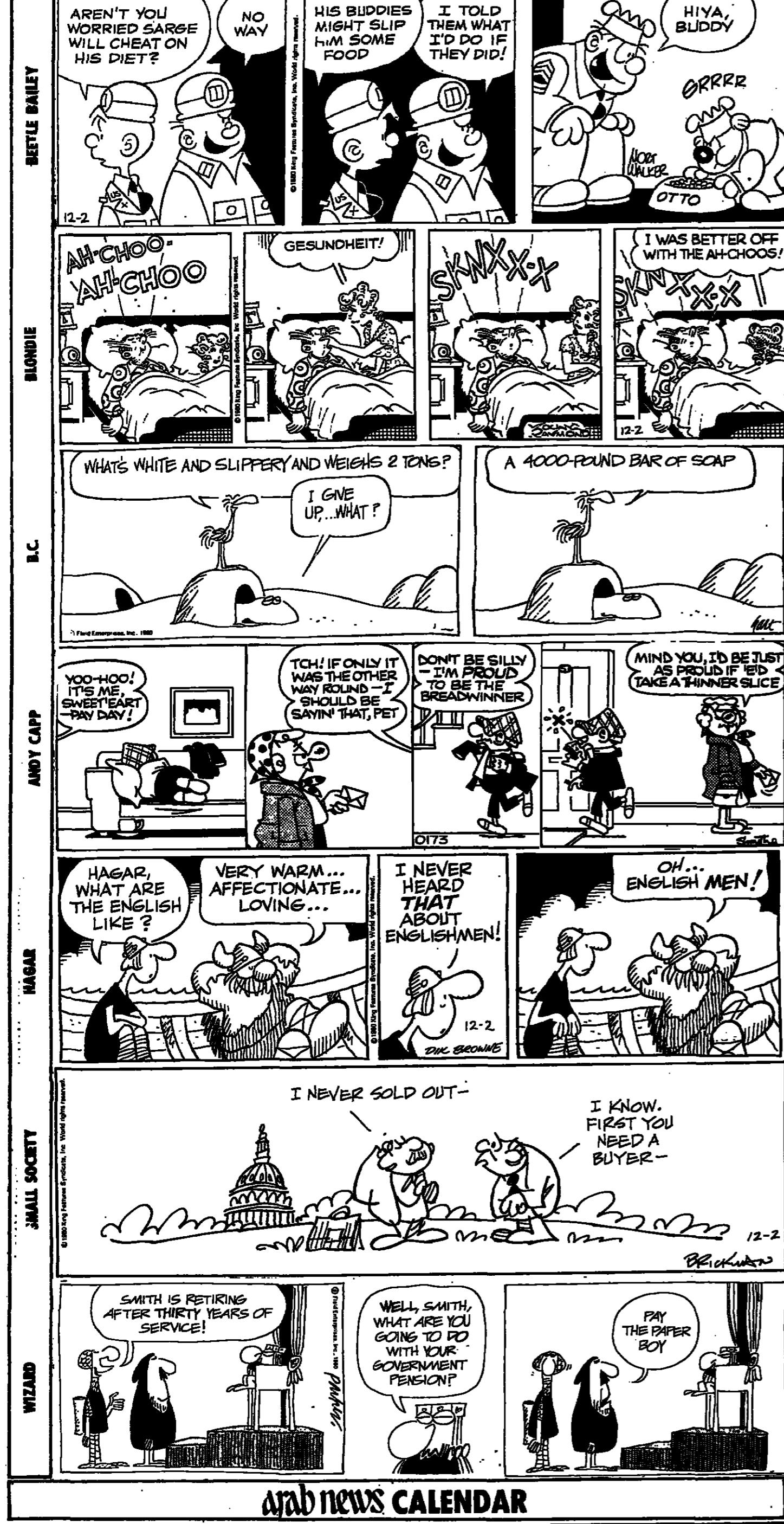
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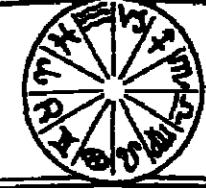


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## Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake  
FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1980

Family ties mesh with your mood.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Your timing could be off. Whether to be cooperative or assertive is a problem. Rely on your sweet disposition for success.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

You needn't feel so resentful. Be patient, and you'll find that things are better than you realize. Shun negative thinking.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 20)

The spirit is willing, but the flesh may be weak. It may be hard to follow through on good intentions, though p.m. is inspired.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

If you'll watch arguments about sex, you'll have a good time. Otherwise, expect friction. Try to cooperate with close ties.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

A domestic situation tries your patience. A close tie seems fixed in opinion. Joy through work and entertaining.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)

Your own lack of confidence can stifle work performance. Be more positive in attitude. Relax with creative pursuits.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

You needn't be so tight-fisted about money for the day brings financial opportunity.

Contract Bridge ♦ B. Jay Becker  
With Tongue in CheekSouth dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

## NORTH

♦ K 9 4  
♥ Q 9 3  
♦ 10 6 2  
♦ A 10 7

## WEST

♦ 10 5 2  
♥ 6  
♦ 8 7 5 4 3  
♦ K 9 8 2

## EAST

♦ Q 7  
♥ A K J 8 7 4 2  
♦ Q J 9

## SOUTH

♦ A J 8 6 3  
♥ 10 5  
♦ Q K

## ♦ Q 6 5 4 1

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♦ Pass 2 ♦ 2 ♠  
3 ♦ Pass 3 ♦ Pass  
4 ♦

Opening lead — six of hearts.

Bridge is such an easy game to play well — if you put your mind to it — that it sometimes makes me wonder why so many of its avid followers don't pursue some other game that is more challenging.

For example, take this deal where South was in four spades and West led a heart. East won with the jack, played the ace of hearts, West discarding a diamond, and then played the king of hearts. When declarer trumped with the eight, West overtrumped with the ten. West now shifted

to a diamond, won by declarer with the king.

South thereupon led a low trump to the king, played another trump back to the ace, cashed the ace of diamonds, and led the queen of clubs. West covered with the king, taken in dummy with the ace, and declarer next ruffed the ten of diamonds.

Then came the four of clubs and, when West played the deuce, South won the trick in dummy with the seven. Declarer easily scored the rest of the tricks and thus made four spades.

It is true that South learned at trick two that East had started with seven hearts. It is also true that declarer learned at trick six that East had started with two spades. It is furthermore true that after South cashed the diamond ace at trick seven and ruffed the diamond ten at trick nine, he learned that East had started with three diamonds.

It therefore followed — with 12 of East's cards in three suits fully accounted for — that East had more than one club, and that finessing the seven of clubs later on was by no means as sensational a play as it seemed.

It's just as we said in the opening paragraph above, assuming you decided to read this far: Bridge is such an easy game to play well!

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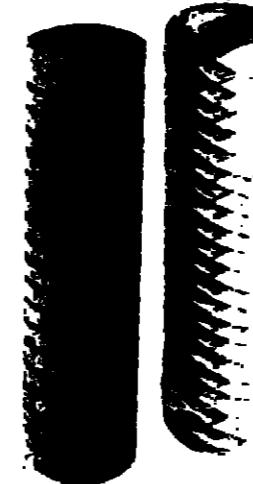
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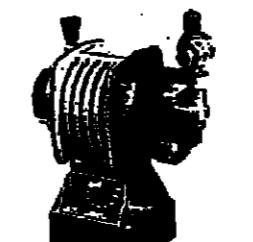
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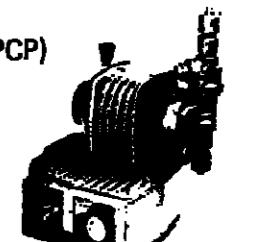
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## Officer charged

# Thugs sent to rob Jiang's old letters

PEKING, Dec. 1 (AP) — An ex-general went on trial again Monday on charges he sent thugs to ransack the houses of old artist and writer friends of Jiang Qing in Shanghai to find incriminating letters about the shady past of Mao's widow.

Officials said Jiang Tengjiao took the stand before a special tribunal of the supreme people's court. Jiang, an air force political commissar in Nanjing, already has confessed he was the front-line commander in plot to assassinate Mao.

In another development, China's propaganda chief was quoted Monday as saying, "according to her crimes, Chairman Mao's widow (Jiang Qing) should be sentenced to death many times." Australian sources reported Monday that Wang Renzhong, party propaganda head, told visitors on Saturday, "Many people are demanding that she be sentenced to death." He added, however, that there were others who did not support a severe sentence for the defiant 67-year-old defendant.

"There are also people," he said, "who are of the view that she should be given more lenient treatment because she is the widow of Mao Tse-Tung."

Jiang Qing, three other members of the radical "Gang of Four," former politburo member Chen Boda and five ex-generals are currently on trial for numerous alleged crimes during the Cultural Revolution. All face the death penalty.

The propaganda chief Wang made his comments to Ronald McDonald publisher of the *Melbourne Age*. He told him, "The reaction from the people is rather strong because they committed towering crimes."

In her previous court appearance, Jiang Qing stubbornly answered "I don't know" to all questions. Her "Gang" defendant Zhang Chunqiao stood mute in court and refused to answer all questions. Commenting on their televised court appearance, Wang said, "People have been through their stubborn and unyielding attitude. Jiang Qing appeared to be very proud. But inside she is very weak and her attitude is rather arrogant. This has created great indignation among the people."

The 48-count indictment not only charges Jiang Tengjiao with participating in the murder plot, but also says he ordered 40 persons to disguise themselves as Red Guards in 1966 and break into houses in Shanghai. Jiang Qing allegedly collaborated with Ye Qun, wife of late Defense Minister Lin Biao, in plotting the retrieval of documents about her past. The indictment says Ye Qun told Jiang Tengjiao, "one of comrade Jiang Qing's letters has fallen into the hands of (directors) Zhang Junli, Gu Eryi and Company. It's not clear who has the letter now but you can organize some people to search the homes of five persons... bring all the letters, diaries, notebooks and such you can lay your hands on."

Jiang Qing, Mao's fourth wife, began her career in Shanghai in the 1930s and was known as Lan Ping, or "Blue Apple."

## Party shakeup seen in Poland

WARSAW, Dec. 1 (R) — Poland's Communist Party was expected to announce leadership changes for the fifth time this year at a big policy-making session Monday.

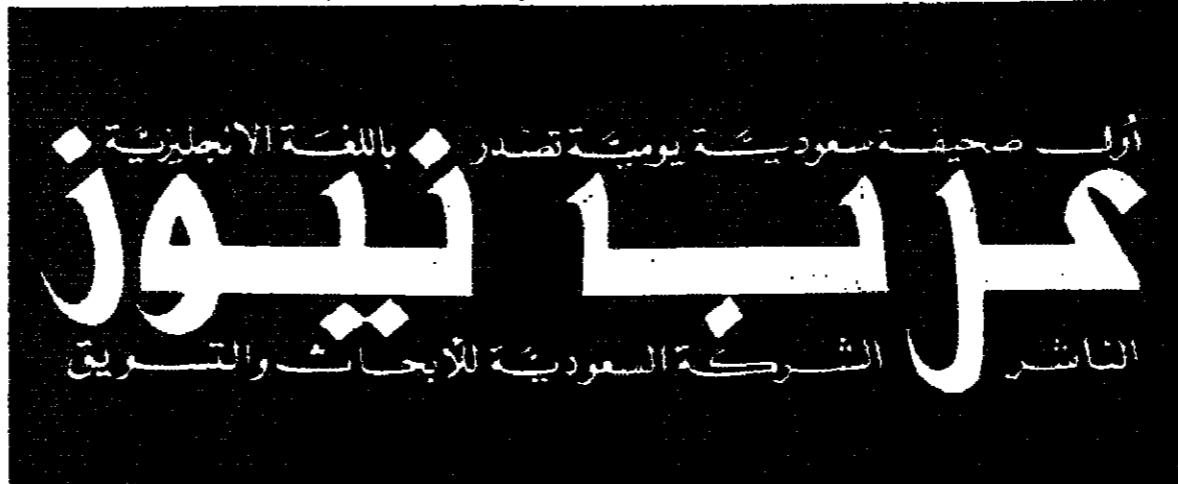
The party's central committee is meeting to chart political and economic strategy tailored to the new situation created by the emergence of the powerful independent trade union movement. But the Pap news agency said the agenda also included organizational issues. Official sources said this meant there would be some changes in the ruling 12-man politburo.

The party leadership's first reshuffle this year was in February and there have been three purges since the start of last summer's industrial unrest, with former leader Edward Gierek among the victims.

Officials have hinted that today's changes are likely to be less dramatic than earlier reshuffles. There has been no indication of who will be dropped.

The party newspaper *Trybuna Ludu* said two days ago that both hardliners opposed to reform and members who seemed eager to forsake Communist principles should be eliminated from the party.

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## U.S. tests successful

# Anti-decay serum could put dentists out of work

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 (WP) — A vaccine to knock out the most widespread human ailment next to the common cold — tooth decay — has been created and successfully tested in four U.S. labs. Decay and decay-causing bacteria have been cut by 50 per cent to 80 per cent in test animals and a few human volunteers.

Now the four research teams in different parts of the country are racing one another to produce a variety of the vaccine that will be effective and safe enough for human use. One researcher said a vaccine will probably be ready for use by the end of the decade, or possibly sooner.

The new vaccine will "remake the whole dental profession," according to Dr. Michael Cole, researcher at the National Institutes of Health. He said that there is already a shortage of work for dentists in some areas where there is already a chemical which fortifies teeth against decay, is present in the water supply.

All four of the competing teams working on the new vaccine have the same basic

idea: to stimulate natural antibodies in the saliva. These antibodies attack the bacteria that cause decay, called *Streptococcus mutans*, and apparently prevent them from latching onto the teeth to grow destructive colonies.

In people whose illnesses let them produce no saliva, and so none of the antibodies, tooth decay is quick and ruinous. "The teeth deteriorate practically before your eyes," said Cole. "Every tooth surface is covered with decay within weeks."

The antibodies in the saliva defend against this disaster, but cannot succeed completely against our modern, sugar-laden diet.

In order to stimulate the body to make more antibodies a vaccine is created, consisting of dead *streptococcus* germs or parts of them. These foreign bodies, when introduced into the body, stimulate a large increase in antibody production — five-fold or more.

One vulnerability of *Streptococcus mutans* is that it must have a way of attach-

ing itself to the teeth before it can create decay. The bacterium apparently has an appendage that latches onto the protein coating on teeth a thin, transparent film called the pellicle.

The new vaccine, in one theory of how it works, gets the body to make antibodies which will block *Streptococcus* from taking hold of the pellicle proteins. Homeless, the bacteria are harmless. They cannot build colonies, produce plaque (the yellowish material that dentists scrape off when cleaning teeth), or fill the plaque with destructive acid.

There are now two barriers to public availability of the vaccine. One is the problem of finding just the right antigen — the right bit of dead bacteria that will evoke antibodies most effectively. The other is to be certain of the safety of the vaccine.

It was reported in one study that certain antibodies against *Streptococcus mutans* also attacked heart muscle and caused serious heart problems in rabbits. This

effect has not shown up in any of the other vaccine studies in rats, monkeys or man, but it is possible that long-term use of the vaccine might eventually weaken the heart.

"We have the vaccine, it works, we know that. It is at the stage that some 60 years ago scientist would simply be giving it to people right now," said Jim Mistek of University of Alabama. "It will be so many years before the public may get it because we are so much more cautious in these times. Pasteur knew nothing about how (his vaccines) worked. He simply did it. Now we must be sure."

An important side benefit of the vaccine research that the work will have implications for many other diseases besides dental decay.

What is learned in studies of dental decay may be important in finding vaccines for cholera, gonorrhea, salmonella, some varieties of pneumonia, infant diarrhea, and other ailments.

## Housed at resorts

# Italians quit ruined villages

ROME, Dec. 1 (R) — Thousands of terrified survivors streamed away from their earthquake-shattered villages Monday after fresh tremors, snow and storms turned life in makeshift shelters into a nightmare.

The exodus of the homeless, mainly old people, women and children, began Sunday when relief officials announced a voluntary evacuation plan after requisitioning hotels and holiday houses in southern Italy's coastal resorts. Clutching only a few possessions, the refugees left the ruins of their mountain villages in tears but with a grim determination to return as soon as possible.

More than 300,000 people in 126 southern

## Would-be emigre held by Soviets

MOSCOW, Dec. 1 (R) — A Soviet worker said Monday he had been held in a psychiatric clinic in Moscow for two months after he appealed to the British Embassy to help him emigrate. Larikdy Stepanchuk, 35 told journalists he was detained by KGB security police after he and another man, Sergei Kii, met British diplomats at the embassy on Sept. 22.

He said he was sent to the clinic after questioning and held there until Nov. 24 although he was in perfect health. He was then told to return home to the Ukraine where he was now working as a fireman.

Stepanchuk said Kii had been dismissed from his job after the incident but he was also back home in the Ukraine. British officials told them they could not carry out emigration formalities until they had received exit permission from Soviet authorities.

Italian towns and villages lost their houses in the earthquake eight days ago. Thousands were killed and many of the dead are still buried under the rubble.

Firemen and soldiers, many with frostbitten hands, continued to comb the ruins for survivors but over the past 24 hours they have found only corpses.

Officially there are 2,915 dead, 1,547 missing and 7,069 injured. Authorities said 112 survivors were dug from the rubble. But rescuers working in the ruins fear that the final death toll will be much higher.

Reporters who toured the disaster area saw hundreds of corpses being dragged from the debris or piling up in overcrowded cemeteries. Prime Minister Arnaldo Forlani, already facing a rising tide of anger over the slow and chaotic start to rescue work, admitted Sunday that the full extent of the disaster had not yet emerged.

"A week after the earthquake ... the terrifying picture we have obtained so far does not yet reflect the extent of the disaster, the number of victims, the suffering and despair of the people," Forlani said in a newspaper interview.

In Sant' Angelo dei Lombardi, one of the worst-hit villages, rescuers said they were still digging for some 150 young people buried in the debris of a collapsed discotheque.

Hundreds of envoys, made up of army and private vehicles loaded with food, medicine and shelters, crawled and slithered along the muddy, twisting mountain roads after winter weather arrived early. Herds of goats, sheep and cows, forced from their snow-covered grazing grounds to look for food in the ruins of the villages, are posing additional dangers to health.



DEADLY GUARDIAN: An African black scorpion stands guard by a diamond brooch at a \$1.2 million jewelry display in Cottenham, England. Organizer Howard Smith imported six of the deadly insects to deter thieves.

## Mideast tension boosts gold price

LONDON, Dec. 1 (AP) — Bolstered by high U.S. interest rates, the dollar rose on world money markets Monday, while fears of more unrest in the Middle East sent gold prices jumping.

London's five bullion houses fixed a recommended morning gold price of \$619.75 at the close on Friday. Trading was "quite busy," said one dealer. In Zurich the metal also traded at a median \$635.50 an ounce, up from \$622.50. Earlier in Hong Kong, gold closed at \$630.55, up \$8.23 from Saturday.

The advance began late Friday in New York, where gold closed up \$2 at \$623 an ounce. Buying was prompted by news of the

## Scientist-sailors say Japanese found America

ARICA, Chile, Dec. 1 (AFP) — Six Japanese scientists here believe that they have taken another step in proving that Japanese navigators discovered America before Christopher Columbus.

They landed here Sunday after a seven-month trans-Pacific voyage of 10,500 nautical miles, which started from Shinoda, Japan, and after beating their way down the coast of the Americas. They sailed in the *Yasui Go II*, a trimaran, built after the model used by Japanese sailors around 1,000 A.D. The new

threatened attack by Syria on Jordan, dealers said.

Silver was quoted in London at mid-morning at \$19.29 an ounce, up sharply from \$18.45 late Friday.

The dollar scored good gains against major currencies, thanks to U.S. banks setting their prime lending rates around 18 per cent — more expensive borrowing also means higher returns on deposits and that makes dollar investments more attractive.

In London, the pound was unchanged at \$2.3590.

Earlier in Tokyo, the dollar hit a 10-week high of 218.50 yen at one point in brisk trading before closing at 217.80, up from 216.75 late Friday.

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GOLDEN PENSIONER: John Routledge, 73, makes a mosaics of Britain's Pensioner of the Year medal awarded him along with a \$23,000 prize. Routledge, who is a disc jockey at an old folks' dance hall, beat 13 other finalists.

## Receives death threat

# French satirist under guard

PARIS, Dec. 1 (R) — Police are guarding the home of comedian and would-be presidential candidate Michael Colucci after death threats from an underground group angered at his role in a film scheduled for release shortly.

Colucci, who under the name Coluche attacks French society in often foul-mouthed satirical monologues, portrays a blundering police officer in the film. An underground group called "Honor of the Police" has written to warn him he will be murdered if it is shown on Paris screens. Police are already

## U.S. captive transfer said incomplete

TEHRAN, Dec. 1 (R) — The Iranian cabinet minister handling the issue of the 52 American hostages was quoted in a newspaper interview Monday as saying they had not completely been transferred to the government by their student captors.

Executive Affairs Minister Behzad Nabavi also told the evening newspaper *Etefa* that the Americans would not be freed until the United States had implemented completely the release conditions set by Iran's parliament. Nabavi's comment on the transfer was the first by any government official since the students said four days ago they had handed control of the hostages to the government after holding them for more than a year.

"The hostages have not completely been transferred to the government by the students," said the minister, who heads groups supervising both the hand-over and dealings with the U.S. authorities on the captives' release. Nabavi did not elaborate on the statement, but a spokesman for the students said: "It means that some of the hostages have been transferred and some are being transferred."

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